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# Graceful Labeling of Prime Index Graph of Group $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$

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**Abstract:** The prime index graph  $\pi(G)$  of a finite group  $G$  is a special type of undirected simple graph whose vertex set is set of subgroups of  $G$ , in which two distinct vertices are adjacent if one has prime index in the other. Let  $p$  and  $q$  be distinct primes. In this paper, we establish that prime index graph of a finite cyclic  $p$ -group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ , a finite abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  and a finite abelian  $p$ -group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  always have graceful labeling without any condition on  $n$  using the concept of path graph or  $p$ -layer ladder graph of size  $n + 1$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a finite group. The notion of prime index graph  $\pi(G)$  of a group  $G$  was introduced by Akbari et.al [1]. The prime index graph  $\pi(G)$  of a group  $G$  is defined as a graph with the set of all subgroups of  $G$  as its vertex set and there is an edge between two distinct vertices if index of one vertex is prime in other vertex. They proved that for every group  $G$ ,  $\pi(G)$  is bipartite and girth of  $\pi(G)$  is contained in the set  $\{4, \infty\}$ . Graph  $\pi(G)$  is connected in case  $G$  is finite solvable group. Further, Ahanjideh and Iranmanesh [2] extended works of Akbari et.al [1] as graph  $\pi(G)$  connected of finite simple group  $G$  if and only if  $G$  is isomorphic to  $A_5$ ,  $PSL_2(11)$ ,  $PSL_3(3)$  or  $PSL_2(2^{2n})$  where  $n \leq 4$ . In recent years, many researchers have studied various properties of graphs based on algebraic structure mainly finite groups and showed their utility in characterising finite groups. For example, Singh [3] studied Laplacian spectra of power graph and Sehgal et. al [4] gave a general formula for the degree of a vertex in the power graph of a finite abelian group.

A function  $f$  is called graceful labeling of a graph  $\pi(G)$  if  $f: V(\pi(G)) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, |E(\pi(G))|\}$  is injective and the induced function  $f^*: E(\pi(G)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E(\pi(G))|\}$  defined as  $f^*(e = uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$  is bijective. A graph is called graceful graph if it admits a graceful labeling. The concept of graceful labeling was introduced by Rosa [5]. Golomb [6] named such labeling as graceful labeling, which was called earlier as  $\beta$ -valuation. In [7], Bu and Cao have discussed gracefulfulness of complete bipartite graph and its union with path. In [8], Acharya and Gill have investigated graceful labeling for the grid graph  $P_n \times P_m$ . Sehgal et. al [9], established that power graph of group  $Z_2^{k-1} \times Z_4$  has graceful

labeling. For a dynamic survey on graph labeling, we refer to Gallian [10]. See [11-14] for more details on graph based on finite groups.

In this paper, we identify a new class of graceful graphs, i.e., prime index graph of a finite cyclic  $p$ -group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ , a finite abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  and a finite abelian  $p$ -group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  always have graceful labeling without any condition on  $n$  using the concept of path graph or  $p$ -layer ladder graph of size  $n + 1$ .

## 2. Structure of prime index graph of finite cyclic $p$ -group $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$

We know that group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} = \{x^i \mid x^{p^n} = e, i = 0, 1, \dots, p^n - 1\}$  is a cyclic group of order  $p^n$ . From [15], list of subgroups of group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  is given below.

$$H_i = \langle x^{p^{n-i}} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^i}, \text{ if } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, we get the list of  $n + 1$  subgroups.

On the basis of above list, we state following theorem which is very useful for structure of prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  be a group whose subgroups list as  $H_i$  where  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then, index of  $H_i$  where  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1$  in  $H_j$  where  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  is prime if and only if  $j = i + 1$ .

*Proof.* Here,  $|H_i| = p^i$  where  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , then  $H_i$  has prime index in  $H_j$  if and only if  $|H_j| = p^{i+1}$  and  $H_i \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p^{i+1}$  and  $H_i \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = i + 1$ .

On the basis of above theorem, prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  is given below.



Figure 1. Prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$

This graph is known as path graph of size  $n + 1$  which is denoted by  $P_{n+1}$  with two vertices  $H_0, H_n$  having degree one and remaining vertices are of degree two. So, total number of edges is  $n$ .

## 3. Structure of prime index graph of finite cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$

We know that group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q = \{x^i y^j \mid x^{p^n} = y^q = e, xy = yx, i = 0, 1, \dots, p^n - 1, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q - 1\}$  is a cyclic group of order  $p^n q$ . From [15], list of subgroups of group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  is given below.

$$(i) H_i = \langle x^{p^{\frac{n-i-1}{2}}} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^{\frac{i+1}{2}}}, \text{ if } i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n + 1.$$

$$(ii) H_i = \langle x^{p^{\frac{n-i-2}{2}}} y \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^{\frac{i+2}{2}}} \mathbb{Z}_q, \text{ if } i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, 2n + 2.$$

Hence, we get the list of  $(2n + 2)$  subgroups.

On the basis of above list, we state following theorem which is very useful for structure of prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  be a group whose subgroups list as  $H_i$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 2$ , then we have

- (1) Subgroup  $H_i$  where  $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 1$  in  $H_j$  where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 2$  has index prime if and only if  $j = i + 1, i + 2$ .
- (2) Subgroup  $H_{2n+1}$  in  $H_j$  where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 2$  has index prime if and only if  $j = 2n + 2$ .
- (3) Subgroup  $H_i$  where  $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, 2n$  in  $H_j$  where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + 2$  has index prime if and only if  $j = i + 2$ .

*Proof.*

- (1) Here,  $|H_i| = p^{\frac{i+1}{2}}$  where  $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 1$ , then  $H_i$  has prime index in  $H_j$  if and only if  $|H_j| = p^{\frac{i+1}{2} + 1}$  or  $p^{\frac{i+1}{2} + 2}$  and  $H_i \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p^{\frac{i+1}{2} + 1} q$  or  $p^{\frac{i+1}{2} + 2} q$  and  $H_i \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = i + 1, i + 2$ .

- (2) Here,  $|H_{2n+1}| = p^n$ , then  $H_{2n+1}$  has prime index in  $H_j$  if and only if  $|H_j| = p^n q$  and  $H_{2n+1} \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p^n q$  and  $H_{2n+1} \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = 2n + 2$ .
- (3) Here,  $|H_i| = p^{\frac{i-1}{2}}$  where  $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, 2n$ , then  $H_i$  has prime index in  $H_j$  if and only if  $|H_j| = p^{\frac{i}{2}} q$  and  $H_i \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p^{\frac{i}{2}} q$  and  $H_i \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = i + 2$ .
- On the basis of above theorem, prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  is given below.

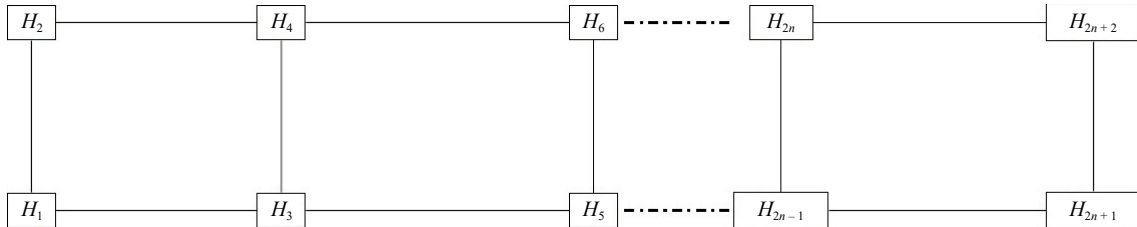


Figure 2. Prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$

This graph is known as ladder graph of size  $n + 1$  which is denoted by  $L_{n+1,1}$  with four vertices  $H_1, H_2, H_{2n+1}, H_{2n+2}$  having degree two and remaining vertices have degree three. So, total number of edges is  $(3n + 1)$ .

#### 4. Structure of prime index graph of finite abelian $p$ -group $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$

We know that group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} = \{x^i y^j \mid x^p = y^{p^n} = e, xy = yx, i = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p^n-1\}$  is an abelian group of order  $p^{n+1}$ . From [11, 16, 17], list of subgroups of group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  is given below.

- (i)  $H_1 = \langle e \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_1$ .
- (ii)  $H_{j+1} = \langle xy^{jp^{n-1}} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$  where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .
- (iii)  $H_{p+2} = \langle y^{p^{n-1}} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$ .
- (iv)  $H_{kp+2+k} = \langle x, y^{p^{n-k}} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$  where  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- (v)  $H_{j+(k-1)p+1+k} = \langle x^j y^{p^{n-k}} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$  with  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$  and  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

Hence, we get the list of  $(np + n + 2)$  subgroups.

On the basis of above list, we state following theorem which is very useful for structure of prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  be group whose subgroup list  $H_i$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, np + n + 2$ , then we have

- (1) Index of  $H_1$  in  $H_j$  where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, np + n + 2$  is prime if and only if  $j = 2, 3, \dots, p + 2$ .
- (2) Index of  $H_i$  where  $i = 2, 3, \dots, p + 1$  in  $H_j$  is prime where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, np + n + 2$  if and only if  $j = p + 3$ .
- (3) Index of  $H_{kp+1+k}$  where  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in  $H_j$  where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, np + n + 2$  is prime if and only if  $j = kp + 2 + k, kp + 3 + k, \dots, (k + 1)p + k + 2$ .
- (4) Index of  $H_{ip+2+i}$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  in  $H_j$  where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, np + n + 2$  is prime if and only if  $j = (i + 1)p + i + 3$ .
- (5) Index of  $H_{j+(k-1)p+k+1}$  where  $i = 2, 3, \dots, p - 1$  and  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n$  in  $H_j$  where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, np + n + 2$  is prime if and only if  $j = kp + k + 2$ .

*Proof.*

- (1) Here,  $|H_1| = 1$ , then  $H_1$  has index  $p$  in  $H_j$  if and only if  $|H_j| = p$  and  $H_1 \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p$  and  $H_1 \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = 2, 3, \dots, p + 2$ .
- (2) As  $|H_i| = p$  where  $i = 2, 3, \dots, p + 1$ , then  $H_i$  has index  $p$  in  $H_j$  if and only if  $|H_j| = p^2$  and  $H_i \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p^2$  and  $H_i \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = p + 3$ .
- (3) Here,  $|H_{kp+1+k}| = p^{k+1}$ , then  $H_i$  has index  $p$  in  $H_j$  if and only if  $|H_j| = p^{i+2}$  and  $H_{kp+1+k} \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p^{i+2}$  and  $H_{kp+1+k} \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = kp + 2 + k, kp + 3 + k, \dots, (k + 1)p + k + 2$ .

- (4) Here,  $|H_{ip+2+i}| = p^{i+1}$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , then  $H_{ip+2+i}$  has index  $p$  in  $H_j$  if and only  $|H_j| = p^{i+2}$  and  $H_{ip+2+i} \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p^{i+2}$  and  $H_{ip+2+i} \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = (i+1)p + i + 3$ .
- (5) Here,  $|H_{i+(k-1)p+k+1}| = p^k$  where  $i = 2, 3, \dots, p-1$  and  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n$ , then  $H_{i+(k-1)p+k+1}$  has index  $p$  in  $H_j$  if and only  $|H_j| = p^{k+1}$  and  $H_{i+(k-1)p+k+1} \subset H_j$ . So,  $|H_j| = p^{k+1}$  and  $H_{i+(k-1)p+k+1} \subset H_j$  is only possible if and only if  $j = kp + k + 2$ .

On the basis of above theorem, prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  is given below.

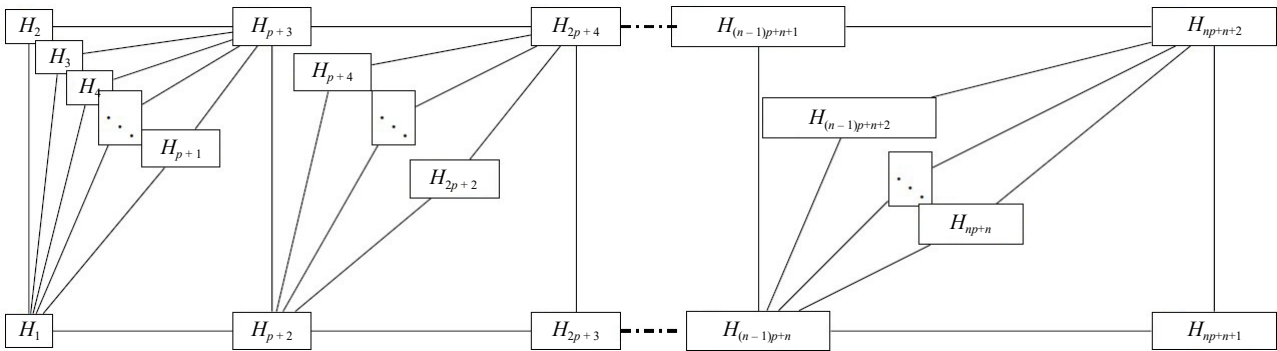


Figure 3. Prime index graph of group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$

This graph is known as  $p$ -layer ladder graph of size  $n + 1$  which is denoted by  $L_{n+1,p}$  with two vertices  $H_1, H_{np+n+2}$  having degree  $p + 1$ ;  $2n - 2$  vertices  $H_{p+2}, H_{p+3}, H_{2p+3}, H_{2p+4}, \dots, H_{(n-1)p+n}, H_{(n-1)p+n+1}$  have degree  $p + 2$  and remaining vertices are of degree two. So, total number of edges is  $2pn + n + 1$ .

## 5. Graceful labeling

**Theorem 4.** The path graph  $P_n$  is graceful for all  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, the number of edges in this graph is  $n - 1$ . Now, we define mapping  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$  where  $V(P_n) = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  such as

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{i}{2} & \text{if } v = v_i \text{ where } i \text{ is even} \\ n - \frac{i-1}{2} & \text{if } v = v_i \text{ where } i \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we get vertex labeled in strictly increasing manners as  $f(v_0) < f(v_2) < f(v_4) < \dots < f(v_{2 \times \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}) < f(v_{2 \times \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}) < f(v_{2 \times \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1}) < \dots < f(v_3) < f(v_1)$ .

Now, we calculate  $f^*$  for each edge of the graph  $P_n$ .  $f^*(e) = n - i$  where  $e = v_i v_{i+1}$  and  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ . Clearly, the induced edge labels are all distinct positive integers from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Hence, the theorem.

**Corollary 1.** Prime index graph of finite cyclic  $p$ -group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  always has graceful labeling.

**Theorem 5.** The  $p$ -layer ladder graph  $L_{n+1,p}$  is graceful for all  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, the number of edges in this graph is  $n - 1$ . Now, we define mapping  $f: V(L_{n+1,p}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2pn + n + 1\}$  where  $V(L_{n+1,p}) = \{v_{11}, v_{12}, \dots, v_{1(n+1)}, v_{21}, v_{22}, \dots, v_{2(n+1)}, v_{31}, v_{32}, \dots, v_{3(p-1)}, \dots, v_{(n+2)1}, v_{(n+2)2}, \dots, v_{(n+2)(p-1)}\}$  such as

Case 1:  $n$  is odd

$$f(v_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 2pn + n + 1 & \text{if } v = v_{11} \\ 2pn + n - 1 - 3\frac{(j-3)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{1j} \text{ where } j = 3, 5, \dots, n \\ 3\frac{(j-2)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{1j} \text{ where } j = 2, 4, \dots, n+1 \\ 1 + 3\frac{(j-1)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{2j} \text{ where } j = 1, 3, \dots, n \\ 2pn + n - 2 - 3\frac{(j-2)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{2j} \text{ where } j = 2, 4, \dots, n-1 \\ 2pn + n - 4 - 3\frac{(n-3)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{2j} \text{ where } j = n+1 \\ 2nj - \frac{(i-3)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{ij} \text{ where } j = 1, \dots, p-1 \text{ and } i = 3, 5, \dots, n+2 \\ 2pn + n - 2nj + \frac{(i-3)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{ij} \text{ where } j = 1, \dots, p-1 \text{ and } i = 4, 6, \dots, n+1 \end{cases}$$

On the basis of this vertex labeling, we have following observations.

- (1) Vertex label of vertices  $v_{12}, v_{21}, v_{14}, v_{23}, \dots, v_{1(n+1)}, v_{2n}$  are strictly increasing manners from vertex label 0 to  $\frac{3n-1}{2}$ .
- (2) Vertex label of vertices  $v_{(n+2)(1)}, v_{(n)(1)}, \dots, v_{51}, v_{31}, v_{4(p-1)}, v_{6(p-1)}, \dots, v_{(n+1)(p-1)}, \dots, v_{(n+2)(p-1)}, v_{(n)(p-1)}, \dots, v_{3(p-1)}, v_{41}, v_{61}, \dots, v_{(n+1)(1)}$  are strictly increasing manners from vertex label  $\frac{3n+1}{2}$  to  $2pn - \frac{n+1}{2}$ .
- (3) Vertex label of vertices  $v_{2(n+1)}, v_{2(n-1)}, v_{1n}, \dots, v_{24}, v_{15}, v_{22}, v_{13}, v_{11}$  are in strictly increasing manner from  $2pn - \frac{n-1}{2}$  to  $2pn + n + 1$ .

Therefore, we get edge labels as follow.

- (1)  $v_{(n+3-j)(i)}$  with vertex  $v_{(2)(n+1-j)}$  and  $v_{(1)(n+2-j)}$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  provides edge labeling 1 to  $2np - 2n$ .
- (2) Vertex  $v_{2n}$  with vertex  $v_{(2)(n+1)}$  provides edge labeling as  $2np - 2n + 1$  and vertex  $v_{(1)(n+1)}$  to  $v_{(2)(n+1)}$  provides edge labeling as  $2np - 2n + 2$ .
- (3) Vertex  $v_{(1)(n+2-j)}$  with vertex  $v_{1(n+1-j)}$  and vertex  $v_{1(n+1-j)}$  with vertex  $v_{2(n+1-j)}$  and vertex  $v_{2(n+1-j)}$  with vertex  $v_{2(n+j)}$  where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  provides edges from  $2np - 2n + 3$  to  $2np + n - 1$ .
- (4)  $v_{12}$  with  $v_{11}$  and  $v_{11}$  with  $v_{21}$  provides edge labeling as  $2np + n$  to  $2np + n + 1$ .

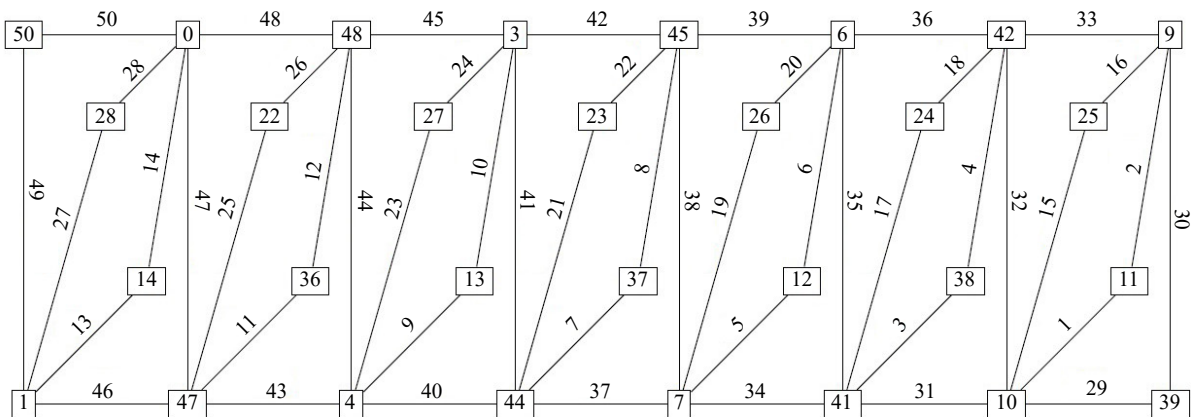


Figure 4. Graceful labeling of graph  $L_{8,3}$

Case 2:  $n$  is even

$$f(v_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 2pn + n + 1 & \text{if } v = v_{11} \\ 2pn + n - 1 - 3\frac{(j-3)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{1j} \text{ where } j = 3, 5, \dots, n+1 \\ 3\frac{(j-2)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{1j} \text{ where } j = 2, 4, \dots, n \\ 1 + 3\frac{(j-1)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{2j} \text{ where } j = 1, 3, \dots, n-1 \\ 2pn + n - 2 - 3\frac{(j-2)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{2j} \text{ where } j = 2, 4, \dots, n \\ \frac{3n}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{2j} \text{ where } j = n+1 \\ 2nj - \frac{(i-3)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{ij} \text{ where } j = 1, \dots, p-1 \text{ and } i = 3, 5, \dots, n+1 \\ 2pn + n + 1 - 2nj + \frac{(i-4)}{2} & \text{if } v = v_{ij} \text{ where } j = 1, \dots, p-1 \text{ and } i = 4, 6, \dots, n+2 \end{cases}$$

On the basis of this vertex labeling, we have following observations.

- (1) Vertex label of vertices  $v_{12}, v_{21}, v_{14}, v_{23}, \dots, v_{1n}, v_{2(n-1)}, v_{2(n+1)}$  are strictly increasing manners from vertex label 0 to  $\frac{3n}{2}$ .
- (2) Vertex label of vertices  $v_{(n+1)(1)}, v_{(n-1)(1)}, \dots, v_{51}, v_{31}, v_{4(p-1)}, v_{6(p-1)}, \dots, v_{(n+2)(p-1)}, \dots, v_{(n+1)(p-1)}, v_{(n-1)(p-1)}, \dots, v_{3(p-1)}, v_{41}, v_{61}, \dots, v_{(n+2)(1)}$  are strictly increasing manners from vertex label  $\frac{3n}{2} + 1$  to  $2pn - \frac{n}{2}$ .
- (3) Vertex label of vertices  $v_{2(n)}, v_{1(n+1)}, v_{2(n-2)}, \dots, v_{22}, v_{13}, v_{11}$  are in strictly increasing manner from  $2pn - \frac{n-2}{2}$  to  $2pn + n + 1$ .

Therefore, we get edge labels as follow.

- (1)  $v_{(n+3-j)(i)}$  with vertex  $v_{(2)(n+1-j)}$  and  $v_{(1)(n+2-j)}$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  provides edge labeling 1 to  $2np - 2n$ .
- (2) Vertex  $v_{2n}$  with vertex  $v_{(2)(n+1)}$  provides edge labeling as  $2np - 2n + 1$  and vertex  $v_{(1)(n+1)}$  to  $v_{(2)(n+1)}$  provides edge labeling as  $2np - 2n + 2$ .
- (3) Vertex  $v_{(1)(n+2-j)}$  with vertex  $v_{1(n+1-j)}$  and vertex  $v_{1(n+1-j)}$  with vertex  $v_{2(n+1-j)}$  and vertex  $v_{2(n+1-j)}$  with vertex  $v_{2(n+1-j)}$  where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  provides edges from  $2np - 2n + 3$  to  $2np + n - 1$ .
- (4)  $v_{12}$  with  $v_{11}$  and  $v_{11}$  with  $v_{21}$  provides edge labeling as  $2np + n$  to  $2np + n + 1$ .

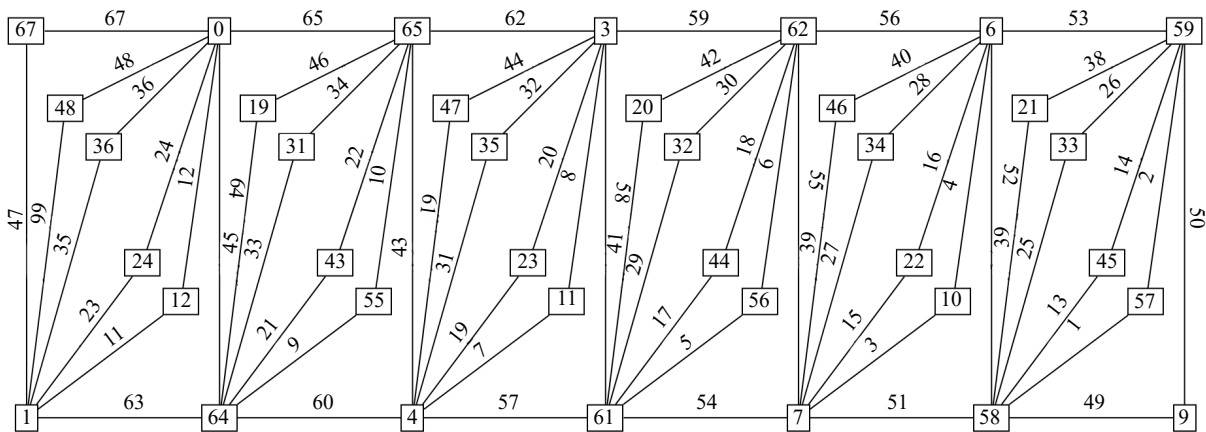


Figure 5. Graceful labeling of graph  $L_{7,3}$

**Corollary 2.** Prime index graph of finite abelian  $p$ -group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  always has graceful labeling.

**Corollary 3.** Prime index graph of finite cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  always has graceful labeling.

*Proof.* If take  $p = 1$ , then graph  $L_{n+1,1}$  is prime index graph of finite cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  which is always graceful.

## 6. Conclusion

In this article, we have discovered gracefulness of prime index graph of finite cyclic  $p$ -group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ , a finite abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  and a finite abelian  $p$ -group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ .

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